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**RENEWED PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY  
DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)**

M.S. Petitions  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants hereby renew their petition to the Commissioner to accept an unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for the benefit of a prior-filed application in the above referenced patent application. More specifically, Applicants seek to enter the following reference in the specification of the above-referenced patent application:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application S.N. 10/356,457 filed 31 January 2003 by Bruno P. B. Lequesne, Avoki M. Omekanda and Thaddeus Schroeder, which was published on 5 August 2004 as Publication Number US 2004/0150393 A1.

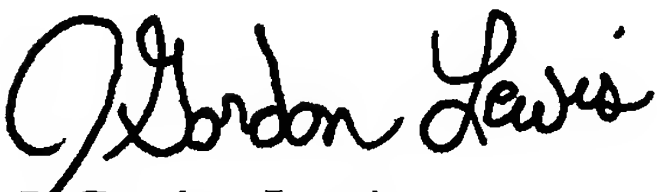
In support of this petition, Applicants submit that no additional fee is required and state:

1. The reference submitted with the original petition identifying the serial number of the co-pending parent application contained a typographical error. Specifically, the correct serial number (S.N. 10/356,457) was inadvertently mis-identified as "10/356,347". The remaining information, however, (i.e. filing date of 31 January 2003, designated inventors Bruno P. B. Lequesne, Avoki M. Omekanda and Thaddeus Schroeder, the publication date of 5 August 2004 and the publication number of US 2004/015393 A1) was entirely correct and collectively enables identification of the correct parent application.
2. Co-pending application S.N. 10/356,457 was filed on 31 January 2003. The named inventors of prior-filed, co-pending application S.N. 10/356,457 are Bruno P. B. Lequesne, Avoki M. Omekanda and Thaddeus Schroeder.
3. This application S.N. 10/603,462 was filed on 25 June 2003. The named inventors are Thaddeus Schroeder, Jose Alberto Guerra, Joseph Pierre Heremans and Dale L. Partin.
4. This application S.N. 10/603,462 shares inventor Thaddeus Schroeder with prior-filed, co-pending application S.N. 10.356,457.
5. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii), the reference to prior-filed, co-pending application S.N. 10/356,457 in this application S.N. 10/603,462 was due 31 May 2004, sixteen months from the filing date of the prior-filed application.
6. The entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

7. In addition to this renewed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), a substitute amendment complying with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 setting forth the correct application number is being submitted.
8. The applicants respectfully request reconsideration and approval of the Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim Under 35 U.S.C. § 120 submitted on 26 October 2005 in view of the forgoing.
9. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No.: 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

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